From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Jeffrey Herman <jherman@hawaii.edu>
Subject: Another source for BA gear
Message-ID: <96Jan20.160234hwt.264420@uhunix5.its.Hawaii.Edu>

Just found this on rec.radio.amateur.misc:

>We just added another feature to our Web site.
>It's called the Pre-70's Swap Shop. The idea is to
>allow Ham operators looking for or wanting to sell
>Pre 1970's Amateur Equipment of any kind... List
>you old AM gear, looking for older SSB equipment,
>whatever... Check it out... It is a FREE service for
>fellow Ham Radio operators...
>http://www.houck.com/ham
>Tnx and 73's
>Gregg WA3WNE

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: MIKE SANDERS <ks0f@basic.net>
Subject: Re: Answer to lurker's private E-MAIL
Message-ID: <199601202247.QAA22492@basic.net>

At 02:28 PM 1/20/96 -0600, you wrote:
Howdy,
   I have always found the old vector scale to be the easiest way to manage impedance since it can give us a visual representation of the components
   The Horizontal line is of course "pure" resistance and the vertical line is reactance. Reactance above the horizontal line is inductive and below is capacitive. Figuring the two reactances cancelling each other with what ever is left over marked on the graph on the vertical scale. The circuit resistance is marked on the horizontal scale. Drawing a line from the two points perpendicular to the lines will form a box. A line from the intersection of the resistance line to the reactance line going to the intersection of the two lines that form the box will create the "impedance triangle". Further mathmatical processing will provide the power factor of the circuit and also the phase angle.
   Soooooo, you gotcha resistance, capacitive reactance and inductive reactance which determine the impedance of the circuit. All quantities expressed in OHMs! No, I don't care to talk about this process with respect to frequency etc. It's way more than I want to know. I just wanna know if the toobes are lit. 73 de KS0F

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Richard Biddle <rbiddle@madvax.mo.ti.com>

Subject: Appology for the multiple postings
Message-ID: <30FE9D2E.7B90@madvax.mo.ti.com>

My appologies for the extra copies of recent messages. Our Unix mail server was SNAFU - it would receive mail but not transmit. Guess the PA tubes were out :). Of course instead of the silly system telling anybody about it, it just tucked away the messages and then dumped them all today after I called the sys admin and he kicked it in the side (I guess that's where the term "booting the computer" really originated). Problem was, it worked okay for intracompany mail, just not outside the firewall. Go figure...

73,
Richard, KB5WLH

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: KA9EGW@aol.com
Subject: audio choke
Message-ID: <960120232121_402349315@mail04.mail.aol.com>

the BC221 frequency meter contains a nice audio choke of 150-450 henries (depending on model suffix) as well as a single-plate-to-hi-z-phones transformer...

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Henry van Cleef <vancleef@bga.com>
Subject: Re: audio choke
Message-ID: <199601210529.XAA12114@zoom.bga.com>

As KA9EGW@aol.com said
>
> the BC221 frequency meter contains a nice audio choke of 150-450 henries
> (depending on model suffix) as well as a single-plate-to-hi-z-phones
> transformer...
>
The BC221 is also a jim-dandy device as a frequency meter. I'd be much more inclined to restore one for use than to part it out simply for its choke.

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Hank van Cleef vancleef@bga.com vancleef@tmn.com
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: KA9EGW@aol.com
Subject: BA sightings
Message-ID: <960120231045_402345036@mail04.mail.aol.com>

In the Cary Grant movie Father Goose, the "headquarters" radio room features 3 racks of what look like 51J3's but with no meter cutouts in the panel. Can anyone identify this particular piece of gear? Also there are many other BAs in this flick, but unknown to me.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Sandy Blaize <70401.134@compuserve.com>
Subject: BA vs. "newgroups"
Message-ID: <960121034958_70401.134_IHD106-1@CompuServe.COM>

I'll keep it short and sweet! No newsgroup could do what this "service" does! I've yet to 'ante-up', but that will be forthcoming shortly, I assure you. I'm one of those who IS on a "fixed income", but $12 isn't a lot to ask at all for the information you get! Besides, you get to "contribute" and ask questions as well. Just ONE ANSWER could well be worth MUCH more than $12! Although I have been a member of this group a very short time, it has been enjoyable and stimulating as well.

73 to all,

Sandy W5TVW
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"Boat Anchors" collected, restored, traded and used!

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: rolfe@DUETTO.ldp.com
Subject: Re: ER Back issues, where to find?
Message-ID: <9601210112.AB0090@DUETTO.ldp.com>

BHall88620@aol.com writes:

> * Anyone have comments on the remanufactured R-390A's from
> Miltronix?

I think you will find that Rick Mish/Miltronix will restore an R-390A to any degree that your inclination and/or budget will allow. For about $800, you get the "full treatment", which is a radio that looks better than new and performs within specs in all areas -- including
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end-to-end PTO alignment. The only "standard" mod that Miltronix does is to eliminate the hard-to-find ballast tube. The tube rectification is left intact.

I got a Motorola that went through this treatment from him about 6 months ago and have been enjoying the hell out of it. It looks so new it is actually a little spooky. I'm sure that most R-390A's didn't look this good on the day they originally left the factory.

I think that if you are somewhat less obsessive about having all the modules from the same manufacturer, etc., then the price is correspondingly less. (Most R-390A's have a mixture of different manufacturers' modules installed because at repair or overhaul depots they were all considered interchangeable. The radio you get from Miltronix will have matched modules, which may or may not be important to you.)

For the best audio, feed the line output to an inexpensive outboard amp and a good speaker. If you're lazy, just pick one up at Radio Shack; there are also plenty of good tube audio amps out there that can be picked up for a pittance.

As you point out, a stock R-390A is not ideal for SSB. You can do several things to improve the situation -- from simple AGC mods to an add-on product detector to an outboard SSB converter (the approved military solution).

Personally, since I have other radios which do SSB just fine, I left mine stock. In that state, it does AM, CW and FSK beautifully, and SSB marginally.

Rolfe
W3VH

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(212) 463-0029 | New York, NY 10014

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: WJoeW@aol.com
Subject: FS: Collines R-388
Message-ID: <960120223814_202404850@mail04.mail.aol.com>

I have two Collins R-388's for sale. $275 each.

Joe

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: "Christopher A. Bowne" <radiobwn@q.continuum.net>
Subject: FW: Military Radio Net Meets Saturdays
Message-ID: <199601200903.EAA14504@q.continuum.net>

Apparently I forgot to mention that the OMRN
meets on Saturday mornings at 0500.

I'm encouraged to see some responses from listeners
in today's postings. I'll be sure to mention them on the
air.

If you are not capable of checking in on AM, no problem.
We will accept check ins on any mode that's legal. As I recall,
can't VE's operate MCW on HF bands? It would be fun to hear
some of the military sets which included this mode actually
sending MCW. Most of the WW2 sets had it. I suppose we
could start another thread on how often it was used relative to
CW, and why it was used.

73,

Chris Bowne, AJ1G
Stonington, CT
radiobwn@q.continuum.net
AMI No. 211

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: k1zat@bah.com
Subject: Re: FW: Military Radio Net Meets Saturdays
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.960120233005.8180E-100000@booz.bah.com>

On Sat, 20 Jan 1996, Christopher A. Bowne wrote:
> Apparently I forgot to mention that the OMRN
> meets on Saturday mornings at 0500.

   Is that Eastern or Greenwich ?

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Lee Shumway <76123.602@compuserve.com>

Subject: Hallicrafters Manuals For Sale - Original
Message-ID: <960121041826_76123.602_GHM172-1@CompuServe.COM>

BA'ers:

I acquired some of the last remaining stock of original Hallicrafters manuals. These are new and I have several manuals for each model. Some have the straight "h" logo while others have the slanted "h". Some say "Northrop / Wilcox" (later owners of the company) as will as "Hallicrafters", but most just have "Hallicrafters" printed on them. Some are dated in the 40's while others have the date printed on the back in the 60's and 70's.

Please e-mail me DIRECTLY (76123.602@compuserve.com) with inquiries. Add 50 cents per manual for shipping. I WILL trade for other original manuals (any brand) or perhaps trade any number of my manuals for your vintage gear, books, tubes, catalogs, keys, speakers, parts radios, knobs, S-meters, etc. Make a suggestion.

S-40	Communications Receiver	$ 8.
S-29	Sky Traveler	15.
S-36	Receiver	15
S-36A	Receiver	15
S-39	Sky Ranger	15.
SP-44	Skyrider Panoramic	15.
JR-400	Vehicular Adapter	10.
WR-3000	Receiver (service data)	4.
WR-3100	Portable Receiver (AM-FM-SW)	4.
WR-3200	Portable Receiver (4 band)	4.
CB-11A	(11 Meter) Citizen Band HT	5.
CR-44	Portable Receiver (svc. data)	4.
CR-50	Portable Receiver (svc. data)	4.
CR-3000	Stereo Receiver (service data)	4.
CRX-2	FM Receiver (151 - 174 Mhz)	5.
CRX-3	AM Receiver (108 - 135 Mhz)	5.
CRX-5	FM Receiver (152 -173 Mhz)	5.
CRX-100	Receiver (27 - 50 mHZ)	5.
CRX-101	Receiver (108-135Mhz) - Svc.	4.
CRX-102	Receiver (144-174Mhz)	4.
CRX-103	Receiver (30 - 50 Mhz)	5.
FM-46,48,52,54	Table&Clock radio (svc.)	4.
FM-1000	AM-FM Portable Radio	4.
P-12	Power Supply for CB-12	5.
P-14	Power Supply for CB-14	5.
SR-34	2 & 6 Meter Transceiver	9.
SR-150	Transceiver (10 - 80 Meter)	8.
SR-400	"Cyclone II" Transceiver	15.
HA-1	"T.O. Keyer" (tube version)	9.
HA-4	"T.O. Keyer" (Transistorized)	5.

Thanks!

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2820 Yankee Springs Road
Middleville, MI 49333

e-mail: 76123.602@compuserve.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Ronald Steinberg <rhstein@interaccess.com>
Subject: Info on Triplet 1696a modulation monitor?
Message-ID: <199601210436.WAA01030@psycfrnd.interaccess.com>

Looking for any info on a Triplet 1696a AM
modulation monitor. Anything would be helpful.

RON

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Jake Hellbach <kk5hy@accesscom.net>
Subject: Knight T-150 question
Message-ID: <199601210422.WAA04800@uro.theporch.com>

Hello to all,
Well I just got my Knight T-150 rebuilt and am only getting 50watts out on AM. I've checked and re-checked everything in the radio and can't get more out. CW is the 100watts the manual says but I thought I would get more on AM with 2 6146 finals. Has anyone used one of these radios? Is this all I should expect?
Thanks,
Jake KK5HY
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Email via: kk5hy@accesscom.net
Check out the Westside ARC Web page at:
http://www.accesscom.net/~kk5hy

Updated with boatanchor links
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: paul Veltman <veltman@netcom.com>
Subject: License free radio
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9601201602.A13580-0100000@netcom10>

Folks,

I'm sorry this is off the subject, but is there a license free radio service around 151.600 MHz? Please e-mail me back privately so that we don't gum up this list.

73

Paul WA6OKQ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: "ROBERT W DOWNS, WA5CAB" <103012.2130@compuserve.com>
Subject: RE: LURKERS, PAY AS YOU GO, ETC., BA 432
Message-ID: <960121042902_103012.2130_GHU85-1@CompuServe.COM>

Group,

I just returned to CONUS & decided to try to catch up by reading the digests from newest back rather than the other way around which didn't work the last time.

I just read Tom Adams well thought out comments to James Doty, and I agree. Although a little reading before writing will avoid asking a question that has just been answered, the only questions that everyone on Boatanchors would justifiably consider dumb and flameable would be something like "why do all of you dumb people like all of this old junk anyway?" Beyond that, questions of racial memory, instinct, and reincarnation aside, none of us came into this world knowing anything about anything. If you want to know, ask. And if the answer starts off "I thought everyone knew that, but", just ignore it and listen to the answer. I freely admit that I was born not knowing the difference between a BC-191 and a BC-375 (shut up, Ray, they ARE older than I am).

On the subject of cost of connection, which must have been also mentioned, as Tom included comments on it, Jack and I had a couple of short discussions a while back about the costs of running the net, subscriptions, etc. He commented that the voluntary contributions weren't covering expenses, and I agreed that the net really ought to be self supporting financially, and that a dollar a

month didn't seem like a huge burden. Personally, I wouldn't even care if Jack made a buck or three for the hundreds of hours that he must put in each year keeping us connected, though some would. However, I'd hate to know that someone was kept out of the interchange of ideas and information because they literally couldn't afford the $12.00 (or whatever) on top of the other costs of being here, and would have no objection whatever to letting some in free while I paid. I know that this will complicate the administration (read increase the cost), and I also know that some few will abuse the privilege. Aside from hoping that any who do will eventually get severely singed, that doesn't bother me.

73, Robert Downs, WA5CAB
103012.2130@compuserve.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: "Terry O'Laughlin, RM:7135, #:6-6667" <OLAUGHLIN@vilas.uwex.edu>
Subject: M-2 Sniperscope
Message-ID: <MAILQUEUE-101.960120202421.320@vilas.uwex.edu>

A friend of mine is trying to figure out how to get a Bell and Howell M-2 Sniperscope up and running. He's looking for information, particularly the manual which he says is a TM-5-9341.

I can relay info or you can call him direct. His name is Kevin Hilbiber and he can be reached at his quirky electronics shop, Softscience. His number is 206-768-0399 and he is open from noon-9pm (Seattle time) Tues-Sat. His specialty is tube audio equipment repair, but he's always got piles of weird equipment all over his shop.

73   Terry O'   WB9GVB

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: BHall88620@aol.com
Subject: Mailing list vs. newsgroup rehashed again.
Message-ID: <960120194419_202288391@mail02.mail.aol.com>

SCOTTPAUL@aol.com writes:

>In a recent post, morriso@vifp.monash.edu.au claimed that changing this to a
>newsgroup will surely do it in. I strenuously disagree, and cite as proof
>the newsgroup rec.antiques.radio+phono, which deals with old home receivers

>and acoustic phonographs, and of/to which I am a regular reader/contributor.

>Why do people on boatanchors think that newsgroups spell death and wretched
>S/N? Comment invited.

Steve Ellington (nfourlq@sellington.win.net) writes:

>I've been trying to figure this out too. I have no problem with
>usenet here. It has been very reliable plus it puts topics in
>threads so they are easy to follow, doesn't clutter up my mailbox
>with confusing mail and IT'S FREE. So I ask, what does it take to
>start one? I'll ask my NSP the same question.

One of the problems with USENET is how the news propogates. The method of propagation is not organized, predictable, or quick. When I write a newsgroup message here on aol, it doesn't get distributed in a mannerly way like the BA mailing list does. With newsgroups, each hour or so, systems "call" each other to see what news they have and get what they don't. If one system goes down on the path to your system, you don't get the message.
 Much, much slower process than an e-mail list like BA.

Other problems are that messages take a long time (often days to weeks) and OFTEN I miss messages. Sometimes, my messages don't make it out, and this is behavior is not limited to aol. This happens frequently, and happens with rec.antiques.radio+phono as well. Plus, newsgroup mail is not free for everyone.

A mailing list is more reliable and quicker than a newsgroup. It is also easier to prevent off-topic messages from over running the newsgroup. A few weeks ago, rec.radio.shortwave was overrun with about 30 or so messages with the title "Clinton is a donkey dick." It kept going for weeks becuase no one had the power to disconnect the people continuing it. Such behavior would not be tolerated here because Jack would shut them off if it continued.
 Newsgroups are also open to spamming and other low pranks.

Therefore, I do not support taking BA to USENET. While it won't kill it, it will no longer be the dynamic medium that it is now. Please reply direct to me with comments, I don't want to waste anymore bandwidth on this subject.

Thanks and 73,
Ben

BHall88620@aol.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Jeffrey Herman <jherman@hawaii.edu>
Subject: Re: Newsgroups...

Message-ID: <Pine.SV4.3.91.960120131056.15863C-100000@uhunix5>

On Sat, 20 Jan 1996, Steve Ellington wrote:
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> start one? I'll ask my NSP the same question.
> > Steve N4LQ

It's a several-part process, which initially starts for a Request For Discussion cross-posted to all the rec.radio.amateur groups so everyone can read everyone else's comments. The RFD contains the new group's charter, reasons why it should be considered for inclusion, and some other details (that I've forgotten).

After a specific period of discussion, a Call For Votes is posted by an independent third party and tallied automatically. The vote-counting program logs each participant's vote and email address, so no duplicate votes are possible.

If the favourable votes pass a specified number (or percentage), then vote results are posted publically (who voted how).

Next, a New Newsgroup Creation message is sent out on some obscure newsgroup that only news administrators read asking them to create the new group on their machines.

Most, if not all the rec.radio groups are gatewayed to email lists for those who don't have NetNews capability so the list could continue so that posts appearing on the email list would appear in the newsgroup, and posts on the newsgroup would appear on the email list.

As mentioned, the specialty groups are just like this list - very high quality.

Jeff NH6IL

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: rs@ham.island.net (Robert Smits)
Subject: Re: Newsgroups...
Message-ID: <012096144405Rnf0.79b6@ham.island.net>

pmills@cyberhouse.com (Phil Mills) writes:

>Well, for one thing Scott, my internet provider does not keep up with
>news groups very well. By the time I see a posting, it is 5 to 10
>days old. Also, for some reason I have not yet been able to figure out,
>I can't post to them. Thanks, but I'll stick with the BA list.

>

In your case, Phil, you have a legitimate beef with your ISP, but the fact that a few folks have such problems is not, in my opinion, a good reason to keep this a mailing list.

(Not that I'd want to exclude those folks in any way. We could, for example, set up a reflector, so that just those who cannot get ba via a newsgroup could continue to get the list by mail.)

A newsgroup, however, would really lessen the load at the list serv site. 40 posts a day times 900 subscribers is 36,000 email messages - a tremendous load. If we could reduce the number of subscribers by mail to those who can't get it by newsgroups to say, 100, you'd reduce the number of email messages by 32,000.

It would also decrease the time transferring ba news files to my system, since my news feeds are commpressed, and mail isn't.

Other things we could do would be to receive the list in digest format, and undigest it at our sites to read it. If anyone needs it, I have an undigester for DOS, BTW.

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rs@ham.island.net (Robert Smits, VE7HS)

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>and acoustic phonographs, and of/to which I am a regular reader/contributor.
>
>It's much like this mailing list, actually, and so I don't see any reason to
>believe that such a change would adversely affect this (also) good community
>of interested folks.
>
>Why do people on boatanchors think that newsgroups spell death and wretched
>S/N? Comment invited.

I agree with you, provided the newsgroup is moderated. In fact, there is very little to distinguish a moderated newsgroup from a mailing list, save the bandwidth needed at the listserv.

Now that the address has been posted, I too will make a donation, but feel that long term it would take a lot less resources in terms of computers and bandwidth to go to a moderated newsgroup - perhaps rec.radio.amateur.equipment.antique would be appropriate.

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rs@ham.island.net (Robert Smits, VE7HS)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Fire Bottle archive handler <firebotl@jackatak.theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Newsgroups...
Message-ID: <9601201739.aa13689@jackatak.theporch.com>

Gang-

ENOUGH DAMMIT!!!!

A month or more ago we agreed we would take this OFF the list.

First, I think is is downright RUDE for you to use this forum to piss and moan about the FREE versus not... and to try to dismantle the list and replace it with a newsgroup.

You have my blessings to start a newsgroup for BoatAnchors, just don't use the BA list to coordinate the effort!

I would recommend you start your process by READING the news.hierarchy and learn about the *rules* for starting a newsgroup... they are there, they exist, the should present no obstacles, and you are welcome to chase that approach if you wish, just don't expect me to support the effort on this list for free so people can avoid a $12 annual share of the expenses!

GEEEZ! Hams are the *CHEAPEST* bunch of people I have ever encountered if three cents a day is gonna make a difference to someone's lifestyle! (Somehow it is OK for some person you have never met to shell out $$$$$ by the thousands as long as you don't have to share? Fine, just take the bitching, the whining, and the newsgroup crap OFF the BA list, and let the rest of us continue talking about the radios, the people who designed and built them, the techniques for making them play and the life and times of the users...

I have had WAY TOO MUCH of the bickering and administrivia on the
list!

ENOUGH!!!!!!!!!
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73
Jack, W4PPT/Mobile (75M SSB 2-letter WAS #1657/#1789 -- both all mobile! ;^)
- - - BoatAnchor Mailing List Archiver/Owner - - -
firebotl@jackatak.theporch.com ---- listown@jackatak.theporch.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: KA9EGW@aol.com
Subject: Re: Newsgroups...
Message-ID: <960120230916_402344356@mail02.mail.aol.com>

if rec.radio.amateur.misc is any example, turning this to a newsgroup will
kill it. The aforementioned newsgroup is an endless collection of
no-coder-vs-traditionalist sniping and character asassination.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: k1zat@bah.com
Subject: Re: Newsgroups...
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.960120233220.8180F-100000@booz.bah.com>

Ladies and Gents --

On Sat, 20 Jan 1996, Fire Bottle archive handler wrote:
> ENOUGH DAMMIT!!!!

Listen to the man, USENET is nice, but a PITA. $12
bucks a year is a lot better.

jd

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: bill@texan.frco.com (William Hawkins)
Subject: Re: Newsgroups...
Message-ID: <9601210508.AA14747@texan.frco.com>

I agree with Jack. This topic feels like "flouridation"
or "right to life" to me. No clear rational answer is
available, and we've got better sense than to open up
discussion of those topics on this list. If somebody
thinks this list isn't working for them, there are other

things to try. (Good luck finding a moderator - write to
some of the usenet moderators for further details.)

I happen to think this list is working just fine, and I
hope this topic blows over real soon now. If you are
moved to reply to this message, please just reply to me.

Bill Hawkins

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Henry van Cleef <vancleef@bga.com>
Subject: Re: Newsgroups...
Message-ID: <199601210527.XAA11944@zoom.bga.com>

I am going to respond to several posting here and a bunch of private
E-mail by putting on my hat as FAQ editor of rec.antiques.radio+phono,
and make a few comments on the idea of creating a newsgroup for old
amateur radio topics.

One of the issues with the charter for rec.antiques.radio+phono has
been to establish some limits on amateur radio discussions in that
group. The charter for the group has been posted here in the past.
While the newsgroup charter does include general coverage radio
receivers and test equipment, it has always excluded amateur-specific
topics, such as transmitters and antennas, wrangles over no-code
licensing, and amateur operations. The newsgroup is already extremely
comprehensive in that at least half the topics covered under the
charter are non-electronic, with acoustic phonos being a major part of
the group's activities. I think that the consensus on that newsgroup
would oppose opening it to amateur-specific topics, even if this mail
list did not exist.

Antique electronics do not presently have a Usenet home, other than the
part of it that is covered by the present rec.antiques.radio+phono
group, which is, as I mentioned, limited in topic scope. We have had
some pressure to take amateur radio topics in the past, but I have seen
insufficient interest to indicate that a Usenet newsgroup to handle
such topics is needed. I believe that the charters for the existing
rec.radio.amateur misc and equipment groups do include antique
discussion, and while the major part of the discussions there is
centered on "no user serviceable components inside" stuff, on the
occasions I have read those groups, I have not seen any real demand for
an antiques group. It should also be remembered that in the recent
reorganization of the sci.electronics hierarchy,
sci.electronics.history failed to pass the vote. I am not aware of any
antique amateur radio activity in rec.audio.tubes, which seems to be
dominated by "golden ear" audio discussion. That group's charter seems

to include historic radios, but the group has, so far as I know, no FAQ, and no discussion of the topic.

Proposing and creating a Usenet newsgroup to parallel this mail list is, so far as I am concerned, a topic completely separate and independent of the continued existence of this mail list. The notion that creation of such a newsgroup would have a negative effect on this list does not seem a realistic assessment. Indeed, I suspect that some percentage of people on this list now learned of it through the pointer to it in the rec.antiques.radio+phono FAQ.

As FAQ editor, which means a voice, but one that must speak in terms of consensus, I believe that Usenet issues should be discussed on Usenet, and if there is support for creation of a new Usenet newsgroup for antique amateur radio, rec.radio.amateur.misc and rec.antiques.radio+phono are places for that discussion. Discussion of how this mail list is operated, and any advocacy for damaging it are not appropriate topics for rec.antiques.radio+phono. As FAQ editor, I have, in the past, supported creation of Usenet newsgroups in areas where topics are similar those covered in our group, but where they are off-charter.

To go over, very quickly, what is involved in creating a Usenet newsgroup, someone will have to write an "RFD" (request for discussion) that is posted to news.announce.newsgroups, news.groups, and appropriate groups where there might be support for the proposed group. After a discussion period, the proponent for the group has to request a CFV (call for votes) from the vote-takers, and wait through a vote period. For creation, the group must get 100 more "yes" than "no" votes and a 2/3rd majority of "yes" votes. In practice, that means 120-150 "yes" votes for an unopposed group. The process is convoluted, and requires some dedication on the part of proponents. The news.announce.newusers and news.answers newsgroups have regular postings describing the process, and reading news.groups will give a fell for how it operates.

While I doubt that there is sufficient support for creation of a newsgroup, this mail list is not the place to debate the topic. There are existing Usenet news groups that will be affected, and those should be used for the purpose.

I'll reiterate that Usenet newsgroup creation is, so far as I am concerned, completely separate and independent of anything involving this mail list.

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Hank van Cleef vancleef@bga.com vancleef@tmn.com
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: Andy Howard WA4KCY <102452.362@compuserve.com>
Subject: Political wrangling over BA vs. Newsgroup
Message-ID: <960121011940_102452.362_DHT75-1@CompuServe.COM>

I normally would not comment on this discussion preferring rather to sit back and enjoy the collective knowledge of this fine group. However, the constant political tirade running back and forth causes me to make the following comment just like a politician would do . . .

And what is your opinion on that Mr. so and so . . . . "No Comment"

Well then, what do you think of this other matter Mr. so and so . . . . "No comment"

Well then Mr. so and so will you comment on anything? Well I would not care to comment on that at this time since that particular matter is in litigation at this time and is under investigation by several committees . . . .

Sound Familiar?

I thought so . . .

Andy, WA4KCY

No Comment . . .

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: rohrwerk@netcom.com (John Seboldt)
Subject: Signal/One CX7A
Message-ID: <199601210426.UAA05194@netcom22.netcom.com>

> Jerry, K8RA, was gloating about his new Signal/One CX7A, with some pride.
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> The guy who has compiled the best set of mods is Mark Mandelkern, KN5S
> (5259 Singer Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005), and he'll talk on the phone
> Saturday afternoons with ya. He'll run you a big packet of photocopies
> for a modest fee.
>
> This is an excellent (for the 70's), but problematic radio. Lots of
> rough edges for the ca. 2000 bucks they were asking for it back then --
> VFO's shifting around when switching between A and B VFO's, the way they

> work out transmit offset is rather strange by today's standards, the
> dynamic range is not particularly good (too much gain and too many MOSFET
> mixers)... BUT it has stupendous transmit audio, full QSK, 2 complete
> VFO's with (get this for 1973) DUAL, SIMULTANEOUS RECEIVE with a balance
> control between the two frequencies! And you get a "broad band", that
> is, pre-tuned, option for the tube final if you have a matched line (low
> SWR).
>
> Mine was a basket case that I got for $200 about 2 years ago. With a lot
> done, and a few refinements to add yet, it's quite satisfying. The main
> mods to hit: a better ALC (amplified) that protects the screen... an RIT
> that works the way we expect (use the FSK SHIFT control)... a new audio
> power stage with an LM380... put in 3 terminal regulators in the power
> supply... some diodes to reduce that frequency shift when switching
> VFO's... and tons of little ones. Yet to implement for me is a more
> stable master oscillator (a 43.1 MHz VXO that in my radio moves 1.5 kHz
> in a half hour!)
>
> Thought this was worth sharing with everyone as well as you, Jerry. It's
> quite a nice newer boatanchor (though filled mostly with sand in this
> case :-))... Happy to help out and tell you more...

> : John Seboldt rohrwerk@netcom.com / CW: It don't mean a thing
> :   K0JD... Minneapolis, MN   / if it ain't got that swing!
> :   My R2/T2 station described in / Di dah, di dah, di dah, di dah...
> > http://www.lehigh.edu/lists/qrp-l/k0jd/index.html <
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: aevang@cris.com (alevangelista)
Subject: Supreme Tube Tester 85-C
Message-ID: <199601210103.UAA28119@franklin-fddi.cris.com>

Hi Gang, I saw an old tube tester today at a flea market booth in
Bay City MI. It is a Supreme model 85-C. It was made of wood with a
sloped front pannel approx 14 by 14 inches. It contained a single meter
(glass cracked but all there) and four of five tube sockets. It also had
a little slide out drawer with a chart of settings. I should have tried
to memorize a few of the tube types listed in order to provide a little
more detail - My guess is mid-thirties.

I am not an expert on this gear. Furthermore I do not have any financial
interest in the dealership, the item, or, for that matter, much of anything
else! I am simply trying to pass on the fact that this item is available.

The sticker on the tester said something like: "not working"
Price was $35. The owner of the booth was not in. I asked at the front desk and was told that his name is "Del". The place is called Everybody's Attic - Telephone 517-893-9702.

73, Al Evangelista (KB8WYN) aevang@cris.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Wed Jan 24 06:58:53 1996
From: john <johnmb@nando.net>
Subject: WTB: RCA RX
Message-ID: <9601210146.AA24533@merlin.nando.net>

I'd like to adopt an RCA AR77 or 88 for a pampered stay at Johns Home For Wayward Radio Thingies. Other RCA types considered.

Thanks!
/john

John Brewer johnmb@nando.net
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